

TALK OF THE TOWN

The Daily Gazette, 50c per month.
W. J. Price, of Bellfountain, is visiting his daughter in the city.
Trunks and suit cases at Blackledge's Furniture store. 5-17-tf
Donald Mackenzie is looking after business matters in Portland today.
Acme Quality Paints and Floor Varnish that wears at A. L. Miner's. 5-17-tf

Mrs. Bexell will entertain the senior commerce class tomorrow at the home.
The election is over. Get your piano tuned and let harmony prevail. Katz's in town. 8 13 1t

Mrs. Ora Cox, of Sawtelle, California is visiting her father, and mother, Rev. and Mrs. Bell, for a few days.

Call up the Palace of Sweets for your ice cream and sherbets. Free delivery. 5-6-tf

President Kerr delivered a lecture to the young men at Shepard Hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

R. H. Katz the piano tuner is now in town. Leave orders Hotel Corvallis or with Profs. Gaskins or Boone 5 18 3

R. C. Linville and wife are visiting in the east. Mr. DeLancy is the C. & E. agent during the absence of Mr. Linville.

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An important meeting of the Coffee Club will be held at the city hall this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. It is the annual election of officers and reports of the various committees for the year's work will be read and action taken. Light refreshments will be served.

Frank Lilly, a Benton county boy and son of Norm Lilly, has bought the interest of his partner in the hardware store at LaGrande Oregon and will go it alone in the business. Frank is a bright, active young man, always attentive to business and his many friends will be pleased to hear of his success.

Frank Shazegreen came up from Portland Saturday to look after business matters and renew his acquaintance with old-time friends. It has been two years since he was here and he spoke of the wonderful growth the town has made during that time. He is engaged in the grocery business at Portland and seems pleased with his new location.

Frank Bullis, the Philomath mail carrier, met with a serious and painful accident Saturday. On arriving at Philomath and while unitching his team one of the horses kicked him on the thigh breaking the bone. A phone message was sent to Corvallis and Dr. Pernot went after the unfortunate man in his auto and brought him to his home in Job's addition. A consultation of physicians, consisting of Drs. Johnson, Pernot and Cathey, decided that amputation was necessary and the leg was taken off near the thigh. The patient stood the operation nicely and was resting comfortably this morning. For many years Mr. Bullis has been a cripple, walking on crutches, the leg that was amputated being a useless appendage. It was exceedingly fortunate that the accident happened to this leg otherwise he would have been left in a helpless condition. If no complications arise the accident will prove a blessing in disguise.

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Douglas Irvine was over from Brownsville in his auto Sunday.

C. L. Jamieson of O. A. C. has been elected treasurer of the Inter-State Oratorical League.

Prof. Beard is happy. Mrs. Beard and little son returned from a visit to eastern Oregon Saturday.

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There was a pretty wedding celebrated at one o'clock yesterday afternoon out at the Wilson dairy farm, the happy couple being Arnel J. Wilson and Miss Ella West. Rev. J. R. N. Bell officiated at the nuptial ceremony. There were about 20 guests present and an old fashioned bountiful wedding dinner was served. The bride and groom received many fine presents and the congratulations of their numerous friends.

CHANGES IN WARSHIPS

Plans to Make United States Vessels Ready For Battle.

GREATER USE OF ELECTRICITY

Much of the Mechanism to Be Controlled by It—Most Conspicuous Change Is in Color Scheme—Fire Control Masts to Displace Old Military Style.

The sixteen battleships of the Atlantic fleet will go from the navy yards, where they are now being overhauled and docked, on June 15 radically changed in outward appearance. The vessels will practically be in a condition for action to a degree which has never before prevailed in the naval service in time of peace and when there has been no prospect of war. These important changes are mainly the result of experience gained during the circumnavigating cruise of the fleet, which Secretary Meyer says cost the government \$1,500,000 above what would have been the cost of maintenance and operation had the ships remained in home waters.

The most conspicuous change which the civilian observer will recognize is in the color of the vessels. The hull, small boats and, indeed, all of the exposed portions will be of a shade described as dull gray, without the luster to reflect the sun or otherwise add to the prominence of the ship. It is the color decided upon by the experts as least likely to attract attention and as possessing the greatest degree of invisibility. This idea has been carried out by the removal of all the brass fittings, even to the doorknobs, and includes the abandonment of the bow ornaments and the gilt letters of the ships' names.

The removal of the bow ornaments is justified not only as a means of taking from the ship a conspicuous feature, but as accomplishing a reduction in the weight carried by each vessel. The policy is to reduce these weights so as to bring each vessel down to fighting trim, carrying only those things of practical value in attack, which is considered before the factor of defense. There has been an elimination of some of the boats carried by the battleships, with the substitution of motor for row or sail boats, so that time may be saved and the burden reduced. It is in this connection that there has been a removal of what is known as top hamper. Much of the material which has hitherto made the main deck of a battleship an overcrowded platform has been placed below deck, out of sight and range of an enemy's shots, or has been entirely eliminated.

Another feature which has been tried out successfully is the method of carrying ammunition. Some of this will be stored in the turret, where it will be conveniently at hand and where it is considered quite as safe to those who handle it as if it were stored in the shell rooms below the turret. This makes possible an emergency supply of projectiles, with saving in the time of handling and a corresponding increase in the rapidity of fire. The problem of taking care of powder has engaged expert attention, and there is now being adopted a system of cooling the magazines so that there can be maintained a uniformity of temperature as a protection against accidental ignition.

A conspicuous change is the installation of the fire control masts and the removal of the old military masts. The new structures are of steel piping, so interlaced as to resist attack and remain in position, no matter if the enemy succeeds in hitting the mast and cutting the metal in many places. The platforms at the top are to be used by the range finders in determining the distance from the enemy. This requires an elaborate system of electrical communication, which is also being installed and which will be tried out during the target practice to be held in August or September, probably off the Virginia capes.

Electricity is being used to a greater extent than ever before, and much of the mechanism on board the ships is now to be controlled in that way. This is especially so in the turning of the turrets, which can be regulated to a degree hitherto impossible and with a nicety of movement that renders it possible to describe the complete arc of the turret at so deliberate a rate as to be imperceptible to an observer. The searchlights have been taken from the positions they have hitherto occupied and been hung on the skeleton masts. In the coming maneuvers it is supposed to ascertain if these positions are the most effective, and some twelve or fifteen of the torpedo boats will be used in exercises in conjunction with the big ships.

Many changes will be made in the superstructure of the ships, and wherever possible the temporary bridges and cabins will be removed. It is probable that some of these structures will be replaced, but it is desired in the coming summer to ascertain what can be permanently omitted with advantage in the maneuvering of the ships. Internally many minor changes will be made.

These are a few of the changes being made on the ships of the Atlantic fleet and which will be made next year on the ships of the Pacific fleet. It means the placing of the battleships of the American navy in a condition for battle without the trouble and confusion of throwing overboard all the things which would have to be abandoned when going into action.—Washington-Cor. New York Tribune.

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